Control on commercial surrogacy

2074. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any legislation on controlling commercial surrogacy in India;

(b) if so, what are the measures taken to protect the reproductive rights of women;

(c) whether the legislation had incorporated the recommendations of the 28th report of the 18th Law Commission; and

(d) whether the enactment lays down conditions for entering into surrogacy contracts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) No legislation on commercial surrogacy has been framed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. However, this Ministry has issued National Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Guidelines- 2005 for Accreditation, Supervision and Regulation of ART Clinics in India.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Achievements under NRHM

2075. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:
SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all major development indicators like immunization, ante-natal care, family planning in the health sector have shown negative growth in the year 2008-09 suggesting that the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) failed to make desired impact;

(b) if so, the details of the target fixed for immunization , ante-natal care and to provide easy access to family planning methods and NRHM for the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 and the actual achievements for the aforesaid years; and

(c) what are the reasons for negative growth and remedial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NAVI AZAD): (a) No. It is not correct the conclude that the major development indicators like immunization, ante-natal care, family planning in the health sector have shown negative growth in the year 2008-09. On the other hand the NRHM has succeeded in rejuvenating the public health delivery system and has accelerated the creation of accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care facilities in remote, rural areas of the country.